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SUBJECT: US MILITARY AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS ON TAIWAN

REFERENCES: A. TAIPEI 6036 B. TAIPEI 4752

1. DURING LEVIN VISIT TO TAINAN AIR BASE REPORTED
REF B HE NOTED THAT PRINCIPAL US PRESENCE AT TAINAN WAS
THE AIR FORCE CONTRACT MAINTENANCE CENTER, DET 9, WHICH
MONITORS CONTRACTS WITH AIR ASIA AND CHINESE AIR FORCE
FOR OVERHAUL AND MAINTENANCE OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT.
THE EXPECTATION IS THAT DET 9 AND DET 13 (WHICH PERFORMS
SIMILAR FUNCTIONS IN TAIPEI) WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY
IN OPERATION HERE AT LEAST AS LONG AS SUCH CONTRACTS
ARE SIGNED WITH FIRMS IN TAIWAN.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAVY AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND
PACIFIC WILL VISIT TAIWAN IN SEPTEMBER TO REVIEW
WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS FOR FY 76 AND FY 77. WE ASSUME
THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN, OR WILL BE REVIEWING AND
PREPARING FUTURE CONTRACTS.

3. THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
REVIEW THE QUESTION OF MILITARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
ON TAIWAN WITH DOD IN WASHINGTON AND PROMULGATE THE
APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING NEW CONTRACTS
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AND FOR EXTENSION OF PRESENT CONTRACTS.

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